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Women of Welcome is a community dedicated to diving into the whole of scripture to understand God's heart for the immigrant and refugee. We believe

God calls us to a deep love for the vulnerable, the marginalized, and the forgotten. Together we're on a journey to understand biblical hospitality in an authentic way. Therefore we seek to learn, engage, and grow to be more like Christ in our welcome toward the sojourner.



In order to connect with the larger Women of Welcome community, visit us on our website [www.womenofwelcome.com](http://www.womenofwelcome.com) and/or join our [private Facebook group](#).

# Here are some guidelines for participating in a Connect Group:

## **Be Prepared**

To get the most out of any group meeting time, we ask that participants be prepared by reading or completing any pre-work before the scheduled meeting time. This could be reading chapters/answering questions, it could be reviewing prayer points or completing advocacy action items.

## **Respect the limitations of time**

Be brief in your sharing, remaining mindful that there are time limitations and others may want to share.

## **Stay on Topic**

If something discussed sparks a question or comment that is not directly related to the content being discussed, save it to ask the leader one on one or post it on the group's discussion board.

## **Stop to think**

If you feel judgmental or defensive when someone else is sharing, ask yourself: I wonder what brought her to this belief? I wonder what she is feeling right now? I wonder what my reaction teaches me about myself? Resolve to always assume the best about the other person.

### **No Fixing, Saving, No Setting Other People Straight**

Respect people's journeys and trust the Holy Spirit to lead them into all truth...in His timing. Feel free to offer a different perspective, but do so in humility and love. Listening is a great way to love others well in groups like these.

### **Trust and Learn from Silence**

It is okay to have silence between responses as the group shares, giving members the opportunity to reflect. Remember, there is no pressure to share.

### **Observe Confidentiality**

In order to create an environment that is safe for open and honest participation, nothing shared by other members of the group should be repeated outside of the group (unless you have been given their permission). However, feel free to share what you are learning from your participation and about your own personal growth.